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Education

Harvard University
Ph.D., Political Science, March 2005
A.M., Political Science, June 2000

Dissertation: “The Dilemma of Discretion: Career Ambitions and the Politics of Central Banking.”

Advisors: Torben Iversen, James Alt, and Michael Hiscox.

Rice University
B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, Economics, and History, May 1998

Academic Appointments

University of Washington
Associate Professor of Political Science September 2013–present
Adjunct Associate Professor of Statistics
Core Faculty of the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences

University of Essex
Instructor, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis July 2009–present

University of Washington

Assistant Professor of Political Science

September 2004–August 2013

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Statistics

Core Faculty of the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research

August 2007–July 2009

Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

Nominated for the University of Washington Distinguished Teaching Award, 2017

Charles H. Levine Memorial Prize (International Political Science Association)

for best book on comparative public policy and administration, 2014

Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences (CSSS) Seed Grant, 2012

Who's Who In America, 2011–present

Dean's commendation for consistently high teaching evaluations, 2010–2011,

2011–2012, 2013–2014, 2015–2016

Sage Award for Best Article in *European Union Politics*, 2008

Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy, 2007–2009

Mancur Olson Award (American Political Science Association)

for best dissertation in political economy, 2005

Senator Charles Sumner Dissertation Prize, Harvard University, 2005

Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences (CBRSS) Dissertation Completion

Fellowship, 2002–2003

Doctoral Fellow of the Harvard University Multidisciplinary Program in

Inequality and Social Policy; NSF IGERT-funded Fellowship, 2001–2002

Harvard Summer Language Fellowship, 1999

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship, 1998–2001

Phi Beta Kappa, 1998

Books

Christopher Adolph. 2013. *Bankers, Bureaucrats, and Central Bank Politics: The Myth of Neutrality*. Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics. Cambridge University Press.

2014 Charles H. Levine Memorial Prize for best book on comparative public policy and administration, awarded by IPSA & *Governance*

Reviewed in *Financial History Review*, 21(1), 103–106.

Global Governance, 21(2), 337.

International Journal of Constitutional Law, 12(3).

Journal of Economic Literature, 52(1), 223–226.

Journal of Global Faultlines, 1(1).

Journal of Politics, 76(3), E22.

Perspectives on Politics, 14(1), 242–243.

Public Administration, 95(1), 289–293.

Quarterly Journal of Central Banking, 28(4).

Revue française de science politique, 64(4).

The International Spectator, 49(1), 152–154.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Christopher Adolph. *forthcoming*. “The Missing Politics of Central Banks.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

Christopher Adolph, Vanessa Quince, and Aseem Prakash. 2017. “The Shanghai Effect: Do Exports to China Affect Labor Rights in Africa?” *World Development*. 89(1). January. 1–18.

Paula Lantz, Jeffrey Alexander, **Christopher Adolph**, and JoLynn Montgomery. 2014. “State Government Organization of Health Services, 1990–2009: Correlates and Consequences.” *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. 20(2). March/April. 160–167.

Margaret Levi, **Christopher Adolph**, Daniel Berliner, Aaron Erlich, Anne Greenleaf, Milli Lake, and Jennifer Noveck. 2012. “Aligning Rights and Interests: Why, When,

and How to Uphold Labor Standards.” *World Development Report 2013: Jobs* Background Paper. Washington, D.C.: World Bank.

Christopher Adolph, Scott L. Greer, and Elize Massard da Fonseca. 2012. “Allocation of Authority in European Health Policy.” *Social Science and Medicine*. 75(9). 1595–1603.

Victor Shih, **Christopher Adolph**, and Mingxing Liu. 2012. “Getting Ahead in the Communist Party: Explaining the Advancement of Central Committee Members in China.” *American Political Science Review*. 106(1). February. 166–187.

Reprinted in Tony Saich, ed., 2015, *Political Governance in China*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

Kjeld Erik Brodsgaard, ed., 2016, *Critical Readings on the Communist Party of China*, Leiden: Brill.

Scott Greer, Elize Massard da Fonseca, and **Christopher Adolph**. 2008. “Mobilizing Bias in Europe.” *European Union Politics*. 9(3). 403–433.

2008 Sage Prize for Best Article in European Union Politics

Christopher Adolph and Gary King, with Michael Herron and Kenneth Shotts. 2003. “A Consensus on Second Stage Analyses of Ecological Inference Models.” *Political Analysis*. 11. 86–94.

Christopher Adolph and Gary King. 2003. “Analyzing Second Stage Ecological Regressions.” *Political Analysis*. 11. 65–76.

Other Publications

Christopher Adolph, Vanessa Quince, and Aseem Prakash. 2017. “Do African Exports to China Hurt Labor Rights? Here’s What We Found.” *Washington Post* Monkey Cage. 3 March.

Christopher Adolph. 2003. “Visual Interpretation and Presentation of Monte Carlo Results.” *The Political Methodologist*. 11(2). 31–35.

Christopher Adolph. 2000. “Party Schools.” *American Prospect*. December 18. 16–17.

Software

Primary developer and maintainer of three R packages:

- tile Graphical system for model interpretation and data exploration
- simcf Flexible counterfactual set-up and simulation for estimated models
- partialrank Regression models for partially observed rank data

Teaching

University of Washington, 2004–2007, 2009–present

POLS 205	Political Science as a Social Science S10
STAT/SOC/CSSS 221	Statistical Concepts and Methods for the Social Sciences W12
CSSS/SOC/STAT 321	Case-Based Social Statistics I F10, F12
POLS/ECON 409	Politics and the Economy S05, F06
POLS/ECON 409	Political Economy of the Great Recession and its Aftermath W15, S17
POLS 501	Quantitative Political Methodology I W06
POLS/CSSS 503	Quantitative Political Methodology II S05, S07, S10, S11, S12, S14
POLS/CSSS 510	Maximum Likelihood Methods for the Social Sciences F09, F10, F11, F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17
CSSS/POLS 512	Time Series and Panel Data for the Social Sciences S15, S18
SOC/CSSS/STAT 536	Analysis of Categorical Data W05, F05, F06
CSSS 569	Visualizing Data W06, W10, W11, W12, W13, W14, W15, W16, W17, W18

University of Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, 2009–present

Course 2g	Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
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Invited short courses

Visualizing Model Inference and Robustness

Instituto Juan March, Madrid · 19–21 November 2012

Universität Konstanz, Germany · 25–27 March 2015

Københavns Universitet, Copenhagen · 19–21 July 2017

Mentoring

University of Washington political science Ph.D.'s graduated (current position):

- 2017 **Xiao Ma** · Peking University, Asst. Prof. of Political Science
- 2017 **Jennifer Noveck**
- 2017 **Carolina Johnson** · King County (WA), Dept. of Community & Human Services
- 2016 **Kassra Ooskoi** · University of Delaware, Asst. Prof. of Political Science
- 2016 **Aaron Erlich** · McGill University, Asst. Prof. of Political Science
- 2016 **William D'Ambruoso** · Bates College, Visiting Asst. Prof. of Political Science
- 2016 **Kendra Dupuy** · Chr. Michelsen Institute/Peace Research Institute Oslo
- 2015 **Sergio Garcia-Rios** · Cornell University, Asst. Prof. of Government
- 2015 **Joannie Tremblay-Boire** · Georgia State Univ., Asst. Prof. of Pol. Science
- 2014 **Amanda Clayton** · Vanderbilt University, Asst. Prof. of Political Science
- 2013 **Sijeong Lim** · University of Amsterdam, Asst. Prof. of Political Science
- 2013 **Loren Collingwood** · UC–Riverside, Asst. Prof. Political Science
- 2012 **Daniel Berliner** · London School of Economics, Asst. Prof. Political Science
- 2008 **John Ahlquist** · UC–San Diego, Assoc. Prof. of International Relations

Other University of Washington Ph.D.'s graduated (current position):

- 2016 **Lynette Shaw** · Sociology · University of Michigan, Asst. Prof.
- 2016 **Tavis Linsin** · Education · Boston University, Lecturer
- 2016 **Amy Li** · Education · University of Northern Colorado, Asst. Prof.
- 2016 **Shin Haeng Lee** · Communication · University of Hong Kong, Postdoc
- 2015 **Tricia Maas** · Education · UW Ctr on Reinventing Public Education, Res. Analyst
- 2014 **Erin Blakeney** · Nursing · Univ. of Washington, Clinical Asst. Prof.
- 2014 **Ji Youn (Rose) Kim** · Business · University of Kentucky, Asst. Prof.
- 2013 **Sui Luo** · Economics · Capital Univ. of Econ. & Bus. (Beijing), Asst. Prof.
- 2007 **Santosh Srivastava**[†] · Applied Math · Fred Hutchison Cancer Res. Ctr.
[†]*indicates nominal service as a Graduate School Representative*

Harvard University senior thesis advisees (current position):

- 2001 **Alexander Kuo** · Political Science · Oxford University, Assoc. Prof.

Academic Service

Department of Political Science, University of Washington

Graduate Admissions Director, 2016–2017, 2017–2018

Comparative Politics/Political Economy Search Committee, 2015–2016

Methods Field Supervisor, 2005–2007, 2009–2015, 2017–2018

Co-organizer, Symposium Honoring Margaret Levi, 2014

Political Methodology Search Committee, 2012–2013, 2013–2014

Admissions Committee, 2011–2012, 2013–2014, 2016–2017, 2017–2018

Website Design Committee, 2014–2015

Technology Committee, 2009–2013

Lev Senior Thesis Award Committee, 2010–2011

Ad hoc Committee on Undergraduate Awards, 2006–2007

Undergraduate Program Committee, 2005–2006

Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington

Consulting Director, 2016–2017, 2017–2018

Seminar Director, 2013–2014

Executive Committee, 2013–2014, 2015–2016, 2016–2017, 2017–2018

Blalock Award Committee, 2004–2007, 2009–present

Social Coordinator, 2004–2007

Other University of Washington service

Selection Committee, UW Presidential Dissertation Fellowships, 2017–2018

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Comparative and Historical Analysis of Organizations and States (CHAOS), 2004–2015

Steering Committee, Center for Social Science Computation and Research (CSSCR), 2010–2014

External Review Committee, Center for Social Science Computation and Research (CSSCR), 2013–2014

Reviewer, Royalty Research Fund, 2006, 2012, 2017

Public Service

Expert witness on statistical inference for panel data in a consolidated rate setting case before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, *WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy*, 2014–2015.

Expert witness on ecological inference and the statistical analysis of elections in *Sarantou v. Lucas County, Ohio*, which contested the 2010 Lucas County commissioner election. *Positive outcome; case dropped by plaintiff.*

Expert witness on ecological inference and the statistical analysis of elections in *Borders v. King County*, which contested the 2004 Washington gubernatorial election. *Positive verdict; unappealed.*

Research analyst for consultants and expert witnesses in fourteen redistricting lawsuits, 2001–2003.

Professional Activities

Member of American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Society for Political Methodology, and American Statistical Association.

Editorial Board, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2016–2017.

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Public Choice*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, and *Statistical Analysis and Data Mining*.

Steering Committee, PoliInformatics Network (PI-NET), 2012–.

Invited Panelist, “The Rise of the Right Across Western Democracies,” Seattle Town Hall, 17 April 2017.

Invited Participant, “Inequality in Trump’s America: Favoring Finance and the Federal Reserve,” Nuffield College, University of Oxford, 9–10 March 2017.

Invited Participant, Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research, San Diego, California, June 2015; Aspen, Colorado, May 2009; Aspen, Colorado, May 2008; Aspen, Colorado, May 2007.

Roundtable Participant and Panel Discussant, “Quantitative Studies of the Chinese Elite,” Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California–San Diego, 6–7 February 2015.

Invited Participant, PoliInformatics Workshop at IslandWood, Bainbridge, WA, 9–11 November 2014.

Panel Chair, “Positive Political Economy of China and Vietnam,” Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014.

Panel Discussant, “Labor Unions, Wage Bargaining, and Inequality,” Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014.

Panel Chair, “New Frontiers in Quantitative Chinese Politics Research,” Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013.

Panel Discussant, “All Politics Is Local: Migrants, Counties, and Governance in China,” Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2013.

Panel Discussant, Tenth Anniversary Conference of the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, June 2009.

Participant, Image and Meaning 2, Los Angeles, July 2005.

Discussant, Comparative Political Economy Poster Session, Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 10 April 2005.

Panel Chair, “New Approaches to the Welfare State,” European Political Economy Workshop, Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 5–6 November 1999.

Presentations

“Making America Great Again? Infrastructure, Industry, and Trade Policy under President Trump.” Presented at the UW Department of Political Science Faculty Panel on “The U.S. and Global Policy Challenges Today,” 24 May 2017.

“Dispensable Partners: How China’s Displacement of Western Export Markets Facilitates Africa’s NGO Crackdown.” With Aseem Prakash. Presented at the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, 23 February 2017.

“The Myth of Neutrality... and the Twilight of the Technocrats?” Invited Keynote Speaker, New Roles for Central Banks, Institute for European Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 2 February 2017.

“Legal Protection of Dating Partners and Intimate Partner Homicide: Evidence from policy experiments in the U.S. states, 1976–2010.” With Miriam Alvarado, Emanuela Gakidou, and Ali Mokdad. Invited presentation in the SCOPE/Deviance Seminar series, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle, 30 January 2015.

“The Shanghai Effect: Do Exports to China Affect Labor Rights in Africa?” With Vanessa Quince and Aseem Prakash. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 19 February 2015; Symposium Honoring Margaret Levi, University of Washington, Seattle, 10 October 2014; the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 3 April 2014.

“Modeling Bureaucratic Careers: Advancement, Policy, and Performance.” Invited presentation in the Comparative Public Policy Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 24 March 2014.

“Tuftes without Tears: Simple tools for visual exploration and presentation of regression models.” Invited presentation at the Social Development Research Group, November 8, 2011; the Joint Statistical Meetings, Denver, August 2008; and the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington, 31 January 2007.

“Getting Ahead in the Communist Party: Explaining the Advancement of Central Committee Members in China.” With Victor Shih and Mingxing Liu. Presented at Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington, October 2009,

University of Chicago, November 2008, and Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2008.

“Health Policy Priorities in Hard Times: A Compositional Model of Budget Trade-offs in the States.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research, Aspen, May 2009.

“Something’s Got to Give: The Political Economy of State Budget Trade-offs.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2008, and Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 14 April 2007.

“Exit, Advancement, and Loyalty in the Central Bank: The Political Economy of Central Banker Tenures,.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 20 April 2006.

“The Dilemma of Discretion: Career Ambitions and the Politics of Central Banking.” Invited Comparative Historical Analysis of Organizations and States (CHAOS) seminar, University of Washington, 2–3 February 2006.

“Statistical Issues in the 2004 Washington Gubernatorial Election Contest.” With Mark Handcock. Presented at the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington, 30 November 2005.

“Three simple tests of career influences on monetary policy.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2005.

“What Time Series Cross-Section Estimator Should I Use *Now*? Guidance from Monte Carlo Experiments.” With Daniel Butler and Sven Wilson. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2005; paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 10 April 2005.

“Succession in the Temple: Central Banker Careers and the Politics of Appointment.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 10 April 2005; at the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences Seminar, 9

March 2005; poster presented at Summer Meetings of the Society for Political Methodology, Stanford University, July 2004.

“The Dilemma of Discretion: Career Ambitions, Policy Preferences, and the Politics of Money.” Poster presented at Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality and Social Policy Summer Institute, Cambridge, MA, 19 June 2004.

“The Uses of Autonomy: Central Bankers’ Careers, Institutional Context, and Economic Performance.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, 16 April 2004.

“Paper Autonomy, Private Ambition: Central Bankers’ Careers and the Economy.” Presented at Yale University (November 2003), Rice University (November 2003), Penn State University (December 2003), the University of Washington (December 2003), New York University (February 2004), the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003, and at the Comparative Political Economy Workshop, Cornell University, 25–26 October 2002.

“Central Bankers’ Careers and Inflation: Results from 14 Countries.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston MA, August 2002.

“Parties, Unions, and Central Banks: An Interactive Model of Unemployment in OECD Countries.” Presented at The Comparative Political Economy of Developed and Less Developed Countries, Yale University, 4–5 May 2001.

“Economic and Racial Bias in Parties’ Allocation of State Educational Aid.” Presented at the Inequality and Social Policy Workshop, 25 September 2000.

“Parties, Institutions, and Unemployment.” Presented at the Rational Choice/Political Economy Lunch, 12 November 1999.

“Determining Legislative Outcomes: The Effects of Committee Specialization on Legislative Committee Performance.” With Keith Hamm, Ronald Hedlund, and Nancy Martorano. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 1998.

Media Coverage

Below are television appearances, news articles, op-eds, and blog posts *commenting on my research or drawing on †interviews with me.

Central banking and international finance

†Rob Hotakainen and Greg Gordon. “How 800 Washington state investors wound up in the Panama Papers.” *Seattle Times*. 6 May 2016. seattletimes.com/nation-world/how-800-washington-state-investors-wound-up-in-the-panama-papers

†Q13 Fox. *This Morning*. 6 April 2016. Live television interview on the Panama Papers. q13fox.com/2016/04/04/the-panama-papers-7-things-to-know

*Eric Gil. “O ministério dos banqueiros: sobre a tese da independência do banco central.” *Pragmatismo Político*. 9 September 2014. www.pragmatismopolitico.com.br/2014/09/ministerio-banqueiros-independencia-banco-central.html

†Michael Knigge. “Yin or yang for the Fed?” *Deutsche Welle*. 14 August 2013. dw.de/p/190hq.

*José Fernández Albertos. “La neutralidad de los bancos centrales.” *El Diario*. 8 July 2013. www.eldiario.es/piedrasdepapel/neutralidad-bancos-centrales_6_151594861.html

*Lars Christensen. “Christopher Adolph on the politics of central banking.” *The Market Monetarist*. 17 February 2012. marketmonetarist.com/2012/02/17/christopher-adolph-on-the-politics-of-central-banking

*José Fernández Albertos. “Astérix, Spiderman y el Banco de España.” *El País*. 17 October 2011. elpais.com/diario/2011/10/17/opinion/1318802411_850215.html

*Howard Davies. “The Bank should pick a deputy for our times.” *Financial Times*. 28 May 2008. www.ft.com/cms/s/0/ede850e0-2cdd-11dd-88c6-000077b07658.html#axzz2Ho8UKA4s

European Politics

†Q13 Fox. *This Morning*. 24 June 2016. Live television interview on Britain leaving the European Union. q13fox.com/2016/06/24/brexit-how-did-we-get-here-and-whats-next

Chinese Politics

*Yasheng Huang. “Democratize or die: Why China’s Communists face reform or revolution.” *Foreign Affairs*. January/February 2013. 92(1). www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/138477/yasheng-huang/democratize-or-die

*Eric Voeten. “How to Get Ahead in China’s Communist Party.” *The Monkey Cage*. 23 March 2012. themonkeycage.org/2012/03/23/how-to-get-ahead-in-chinas-communist-party

Trade and Labor

*Henry Farrell. “Supply Chains and Labor Rights.” *The Monkey Cage*. 20 December 2012. themonkeycage.org/2012/12/20/supply-chains-and-labour-rights

*Eric Voeten. “More on Trade and Labor Rights.” *The Monkey Cage*. 20 December 2012. themonkeycage.org/2012/12/20/more-on-trade-and-labor-rights

Gun Violence

†Q13 Fox. *This Morning*. 23 June 2016. Live television interview on gun control. q13fox.com/2016/06/24/understanding-the-second-amendment

Homeowner Associations

*Dianna Wray. “Tipping Point: In Huntington Village, the Community Association Has All the Power.” *The Houston Press*. 15 December 2015. www.houstonpress.com/news/tipping-point-in-huntington-village-the-community-association-has-all-the-power-7998755